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The Natural Gas Shortage Is For Real . . .

Because Virginia is one of the principal areas that will be affected by legislation on natural gas deregulations now being considered by Congress, you should know some of the facts in the case.

Appomattox County is already feeling the effect of the natural gas shortage! Many of our county citizens may not know that for the past four weeks Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation, Station 170 located in Appomattox for the past twenty-five years has been off-the-line - they have not pumped any gas from this station.

"Transco" is and has been for the past twenty-five years the largest tax paying company in the county. At this time it would be unwise to even try and guess if Station 170 will go back on the line or if all engines will remain idle, possible causing some men to be without work.

If you will continue reading this article, you may decide it would be worth while for county citizens, AND COUNTY OFFICIALS, to write their representatives in Washington opposing S.692 and supporting **true deregulation** of **new** natural gas so that this shortage can be overcome and industry in your state and county can return to full production.

The artificial price controls imposed upon natural gas have resulted in the current shortage of supply that is **adversely affecting our economy** at crucial time. It is causing **loss of jobs - factory closings - and increasing consumer costs**, in Virginia.

Senate Bill 692 which purports to lift restrictions on gas prices for some independents, actually has the opposite effect and will only aggravate the problem by introducing new regulations and controls instead of providing incentives for producers to explore and develop gas reserves which could be flowing to your state.

If S.692 ultimately becomes law, the probability is that the effects will be disastrous to our American economy. This bill threatens to bring on **further curtailment of gas production in this country**, and more plant shut-downs in Virginia.

Deregulation of new natural gas will provide the incentives needed to cause the drilling of more wells (for example, see attached Chart II-Fort Worth Basin drilling activity where there is a free intra-state market) - thereby increasing the supply - save jobs and **save consumers over six billion dollars annually by 1980.**

Based upon the facts available, I hope that you will lend your support in opposing S.692, the passage of which would result in more curtailment of natural gas supplies, more loss of jobs, and more factory closings.

With the gas shortage creating devastating unemployment problems, and the gas industry completely stymied by lack of encouragement from the government, I urge you to ask your readers to write their representatives in Washington and ask them to oppose S.692 and support **true deregulation of new** natural gas so that this shortage can be overcome and industry in your state can return to full production.

JOYFUL HEIRS TO APPEAR ATO ROCKS

The Joyful Heirs, a team of students from Piedmont Bible College, will hold a special service at Rocks Baptist Church on Sunday, July 27, during the morning worship service at 11 a.m.

The six young people involved combine music, personal testimonies, and a message from God's Word to present a challenge geared to reach young and old alike.

The leader of the team is Mike Dykstra, a May graduate having earned the Th.B. degree. Chris Dykstra is the team pianist. An alumna of Piedmont, Mrs. Dykstra now works in the college's music department. The Dykstras currently reside in the vicinity of the college but are natives of Western Michigan.

Chip and Carol Hackney and Ken and Marilyn Yates comprise a mixed quartet, the basic musical group for the team. The Hackneys are in their junior and sophomore years, respectively and are also originally from Western Michigan. The Yates are alumni of Piedmont with Mr. Yates now serving as a faculty member in the Music Department.

Piedmont Bible College is a fundamental Baptist school located in Winston-Salem, N.C. A special purpose school, Piedmont trains its students, 440 this past year, for vocational Christian service. Now in its 29th year of operation, Piedmont has just completed a vigorous program of campus development. A new 143-bed, girls dorritory was completed last fall and a chapel-gymnasium was occupied during the school year. Approximately 75% of Piedmont's graduates are in vocational Christian service with many serving as pastors and a significant number engaged in foreign missionary work in many nations overseas.

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The Pastor Speaks

We need to form habits to express what God's grace has done for us and in us. We need to get into the habit of enjoying the disagreeable. It is not a question of just being saved from hell,but of being saved in order to manifest the life of the Son of God in our own flesh; and it is the disagreeable things which make us exhibit whether or not we are manifesting His life. Do I manifest the essential goodness and sweetness of the Son of God or the essential irritation of "myself" apart from Him? The only thing that will enable me to enjoy the disagreeable things in life is the keen enthusiasm of letting the life of the Son of God manifest itself in me. No matter how disagreeable a thing or circumstance may be, we need to say, "Lord, I am delighted to obey you in this matter." Having done this, the Son of God will press to the front and there will be manifested in my human life that which glorifies Jesus Christ.

There must be no debate or argument. The moment you obey God in this respect, His power comes to the forefront; but if you argue or debate you grieve the Spirit of God. You must keep yourself fit to let the life of Jesus Christ be manifested, and you cannot keep yourself fit if you give way to self-pity. Our circumstances are the means of manifesting how wonderfully perfect and extraordinarily pure the Son of God is. The thing that ought to make our heart beat is finding a new way of manifesting the Son of God. It is one thing to choose the disagreeable, and another thing to go into the disagreeable by God's engineering. If God put you there, He is sufficient for the situation.

Keep your soul fit to manifest the life of the Son of God. Never live in the past. Let the Word of God be always living and active in you. II Corinthians 4:10 says, "That the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh."

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The Sunday School Lesson

Comments by Herbert C. Bradshaw

Lesson For July 27, 1975

Topic: **The Place of the Holy Spirit in Growth**

Scripture: John 16:12-15; Romans 8:26-27; Galatians 5: 16-26

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

Although growth is the natural and normal order of human life, the individual does not grow unassisted. Parents provide essentials for physical growth for infants and children. Parents, teachers, associates, friends, newspapers, books - a host of influences, all the elements in the environment - contribute to intellectual growth. Parents, teachers, pastors, friends help cultivate spiritual growth, as do the Bible, religious periodicals, devotional books. With all these, we must not overlook the important role of the Holy Spirit in the believer's spiritual growth.

Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to His disciples when He went away. In His Incarnation, Jesus was limited by time and space. The Holy Spirit is not. Therefore, Jesus told His disciples, "it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you."

Jesus indicated that the Holy Spirit has a part to play in spiritual growth when He said, "I have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth . . ." At that stage the disciples were far from spiritual maturity, although they had been with Jesus for some three years. They were growing, but they were not yet grown. They were not yet ready for all that Jesus could tell and teach them and for instruction they needed. In their dependence on Him, one may speculate whether as long as the disciples had the physical presence of the Incarnate Son in their midst they would have ever developed true spiritual maturity.

Although the disciples recognized in Jesus the Messiah and the Son of God, they did not yet fully understand the nature and purpose of His mission, the necessity for His death, or the reality of His resurrection. Jesus promised that the Spirit would teach them this when He promised that the Spirit "will guide you into all the truth." Jesus declared that He is the truth, and the Holy Spirit teachers disciples of every age the truth of God's revelation of Himself in Jesus Christ. Understanding this is one aspect of reaching spiritual maturity.

The striking contrast between the disciples of the Gospels and the apostles of the Acts is convincing testimony to the part the Holy Spirit had in their spiritual growth. Take Peter: when a servant girl in the courtyard of the high priest accused him of being a companion of the arrested Jesus, he denied it with strong oaths; a few weeks later he was preaching boldly in Jerusalem, calling on the multitude there at the feast of Pentecost to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ; not long after that, arrested for preaching and brought before the Sanhedrin, he courageously told the court which had condemned Jesus to death that only in Jesus Christ is there salvation and with John declared, when warned not to preach any more in the name of Jesus, that they must obey God rather than men.

The Holy Spirit plays a similar role in the spiritual growth of believers who follow His guidance and teaching. The Spirit guides the believer into all the truth, giving him understanding and appreciation of God's intervention in history for man's redemption and guiding him in a growing knowledge of God's will and purpose for himself and the human race. The Spirit also empowers and emboldens the believer to bear witness to God's redeeming love and to do God's work in the world.

In the passage from Romans for this lesson, Paul reminds us that we do not know what is best for us, nor how to pray for. But the Spirit does know what is best for believer and intercedes. This is one means by which He continues the believer's spiritual growth.

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Mrs. Arleen David, of Charlotte, N.C., Mrs. Linda Crowder and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lucado, of Roanoke, visited relatives last week.

Miss Pat Davis entered Virginia Baptist Hospital last Monday and will undergo surgery Tuesday.

Rev. and Mrs. John P. Campbell and family returned home last week after a two week vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Deal, of Newport News, spent last week end with her father, Mr. Robert McClenny.

Miss Emily Williams left last Sunday by plane to visit her sister, Mrs. Edward Shepherd and Mr. Shepherd in Savannah, Ga.

Mrs. C. H. McCall left last Sunday for a visit with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bateman, Newport News. Mrs. Bateman is home from the hospital and Mr. Bateman is still hospitalized.

Mr. and Mrs. Reen Speer, of Haines City, Fla., have returned home after visiting Mrs. Ruby Jamerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd P. Inge and Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Davis returned home last week after attending the wedding of Miss Ellen O'Leary to Mr. Kit Dickman in Fargo, N.D. Mr. Dickman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dickman of Rogers, Ark. and is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Inge.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carson, from Culpeper, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Carey Carson.

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